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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

OUSSAMA MANNAA,
 SHIRLEY AZZGHAYER,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MICHAEL CHERTOFF, Secretary,
 Department of Homeland Security;
 ROSEMARY MELVILLE, District Director,
 USCIS San Francisco District Office;
 EMILIO T. GONZALEZ, Director, USCIS;
 ALBERTO GONZALES, Attorney General,
 Department of Justice,

Defendants.

No. C 07-4504 WHA

**PARTIES' JOINT REQUEST TO BE
 EXEMPT FROM FORMAL ADR
 PROCESS**

Each of the undersigned certifies that he or she has read either the handbook entitled "Dispute Resolution Procedures in the Northern District of California," or the specified portions of the ADR Unit's Internet site <www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov>, discussed the available dispute resolution options provided by the court and private entities, and considered whether this case might benefit from any of them.

Here, the parties agree that referral to a formal ADR process will not be beneficial because this mandamus action is limited to Plaintiff Mannaa's request that this Court compel Defendants to adjudicate the application for adjustment of status. Given the substance of the action and the lack

1 of any potential middle ground, ADR will only serve to multiply the proceedings and
2 unnecessarily tax court resources.

3 Accordingly, pursuant to ADR L.R. 3-3(c), the parties request the case be removed from the
4 ADR Multi-Option Program and that they be excused from participating in the ADR phone
5 conference and any further formal ADR process.

6 Dated: November 15, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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13 Dated: November 15, 2007

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16 **ORDER**

17 Pursuant to stipulation, IT IS SO ORDERED.
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20 Date:

WILLIAM ALSUP
21 United States District Judge.
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